

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
DISCIPLINE**

**In the Matter Of:
Edward A. Kent, M.D.
License #: MD 08358**

Consent Order

Pursuant to R.I. General Laws §5-37-5.2, 1956, as amended, (2004 Reenactment) the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") has received information from physicians and recovery room personnel at South County Hospital that indicates the Respondent has engaged in a pattern of behaviorally disruptive activity. The following constitutes the Investigating Committee's Findings of Fact:

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent is a Board Certified Anesthesiologist at the South County Hospital. He is a 1985 graduate of the American University of the Caribbean, St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles. The Respondent has completed a formal pain management fellowship and was Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology at South County Hospital and Healthcare System from 1995-2000 as well as the Chief Resident during his anesthesiology residency at New York Medical College.

2. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds Respondent's behavior to be disruptive to hospital staff members despite the Board's efforts to address this behavior.
3. During the course of this investigation, the Board found that the Respondent had violated acceptable practice standards by conducting an epidural pain procedure in his home on a "patient" who was a hospital employee.
4. The Board finds the Respondent's behavior to be a violation of § 5-37-5.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

The parties agree as follows:

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The Respondent is a physician with an allopathic license No.8358. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

- (1) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of an Investigating Committee of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board.
- (2) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;

- e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
 - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.
- (3) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an acknowledgement by the Respondent of the concerns of the Board.
- (4) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
- (5) Respondent shall accept a sanction of probation for 1 year.

Signed this 25th day of December, 2005.

Edward A. Kent

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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held

/ on 3, 2003.



David R. Gifford, M.D., MPH
Director of Health